

REMARKS

I. General

In an Office Action dated September 29, 2010, the Examiner indicated that claims 42, 43, and 45 were allowable, and further indicated that claim 44 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. In response, Applicant filed an amendment dated December 29, 2010, which amended several claims, including claims 42, 44, and 24 (from which claim 44 depended). The current Final Office Action (dated September 13, 2011) rejects all of the pending claims.

In an interview with the Examiner (as discussed below), Applicant's attorney learned that the Examiner believes that the amendments presented in the December 29, 2010 response raised new issues and thus necessitated the new grounds of rejection, thereby making the finality of the current Office Action proper. The Examiner further indicated that if the claims 42-45 were amended to be returned to their previous form (as they existed prior to the December 29, 2010 amendment), they would still be in condition for allowance.

Accordingly, claims 42-45 are amended herein to return them to their condition for allowance, as indicated in the September 29, 2010 Office Action. The remaining claims are canceled without prejudice. Therefore, Applicant respectfully submits that these amendments should be entered after final, as they place the application in condition for allowance, and the application should be passed to allowance.

II. Record of Examiner Interview

Applicant's attorney, Jody Bishop, thanks the Examiner, Rutao Wu, for conducting the brief interview on July 29, 2011. During the interview, Applicant's attorney questioned the finality of the current Office Action in light of new grounds of rejection being raised for the previously-allowed claims 42-45. The Examiner explained that he believed the amendments presented in Applicant's December 29, 2010 response necessitated the new grounds of rejection, thereby making the finality of the current Office Action proper. Applicant's attorney inquired whether amending the claims 42-45 to return them to their previous form would make them in condition for allowance again, and the Examiner

responded affirmatively that such an amendment would indeed place the claims in condition for allowance.

Thus, without conceding that the rejections raised in the current Final Office Action are proper, Applicant takes this opportunity to amend claims 24 (from which claim 44 depended) and 44, as discussed below, to return them to their allowable form. As such, independent claims 24 and 42, as well as their respective dependent claims, are believed to be in condition for allowance, and the remaining claims are canceled without prejudice. Accordingly, the present application is believed to be in condition for allowance.

III. Claim Amendments

Claims 11, 14-20, 22-23, and 46-50 are canceled without prejudice herein.

Claim 42 is amended herein to delete the “at least” language that was added in the December 29, 2010 amendment, thereby returning it to its condition for allowance, as indicated by the September 29, 2010 Office Action.

Claim 24 is amended to undo the amendments made to it by the December 29, 2010 amendment, and is further amended to include the limitations of claim 44 (as they existed prior to the December 29, 2010 amendment). Accordingly, this amendment effectively rewrites claims 44 in independent form as claim 24, thereby returning it to its condition for allowance, as indicated by the September 29, 2010 Office Action. As a result, claim 44 is canceled without prejudice.

Conclusion

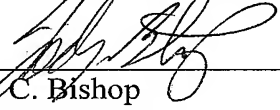
In view of the above, applicant believes the pending application is in condition for allowance.

Applicant believes no fee is due with this response. Please charge any fees required or credit any overpayment during the pendency of this Application pursuant to 37 CFR 1.16

through 1.21 inclusive, and any other sections in Title 37 of the Code of Federal Regulations that may regulate fees to Deposit Account No. 06-2380, under Order No. 61135/P022US/10303187 from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

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Respectfully submitted,

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